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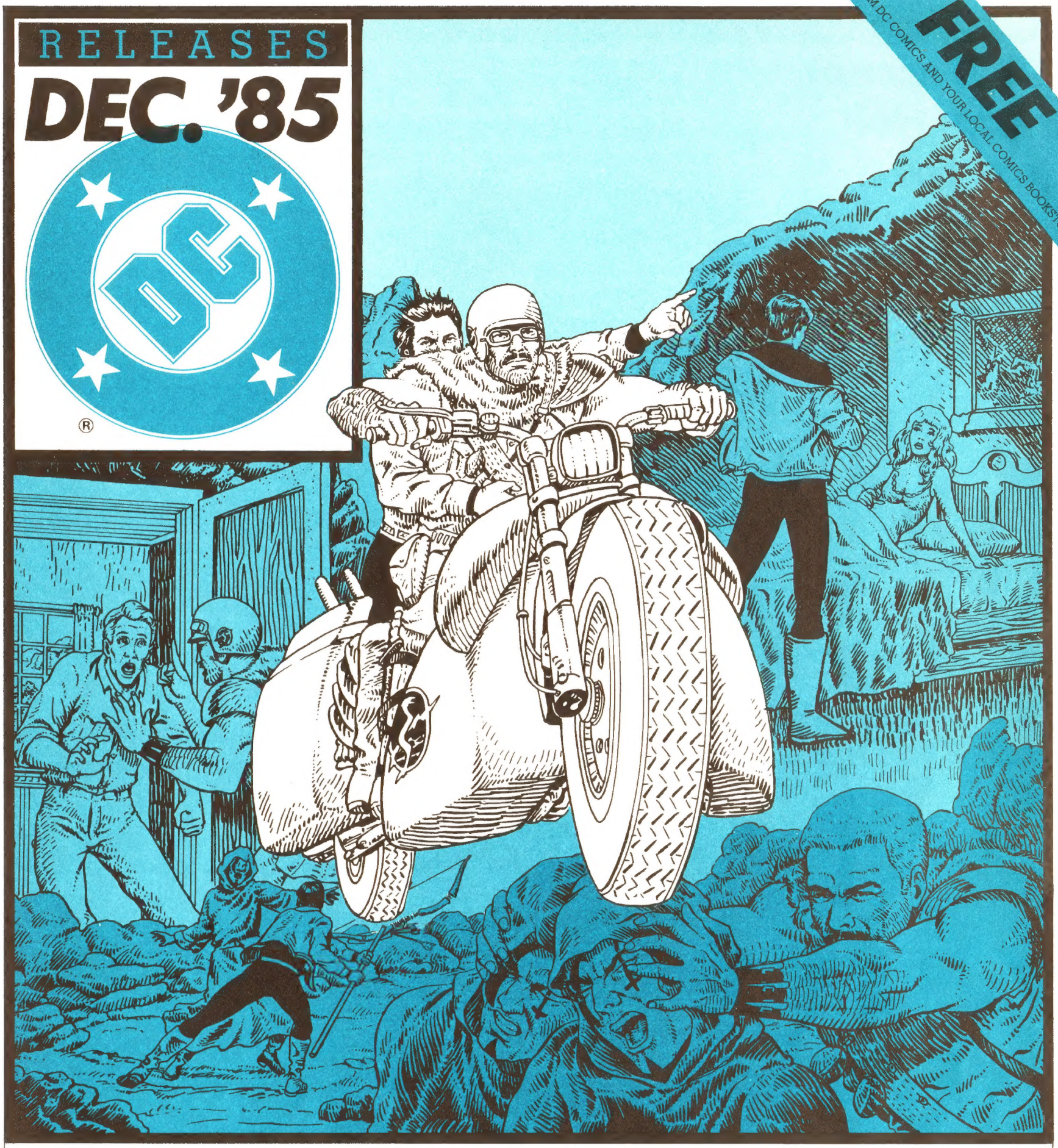

Me and Joe Priest--A Graphic Novel!

Imagine ... it is an America of the future and the human race is dying out. Due to decades of war, pollution, and disease, human males have lost the power to sire children. People have given up hope; they've given up trying. The laughter of children is a long-forgotten memory. Baby carriages rot in junkyards. And the spirit of the times is ... well, let's put it this way: *Desperation* is a word to describe the "good old days." The wastelands of this once-great civilization are now terrorized by gangs of "Bully Boys" and strange religious cults. Against this bleak backdrop, one flickering hope begins to burn. It is a man. One man. He has somehow, miraculously, been spared the fate of his brethren. He *does* have the power to sire children—to keep the human race from becoming extinct. One fertile man—and he happens to be a priest! Writer Greg Potter ***(Jemm, Son of Saturn)*** and artist Ron Randall ***(Conqueror of the Barren Earth)*** will answer all the questions percolating in your minds as they lead you page by page (and there 45 of them!) to the startling conclusion. **Plus:** A *painted* cover by the illustrious Howard Chaykin. So need we say, *don't miss it!*

A Descent into Hell... on Earth!

"Would you go to Hell for $100,000?" asks Professor Keith. "Brother," replied fantasy writer Roberts, "just show me the money and tell me when the next train leaves."

So begins the gruesome tale of three people who raise the devil and, in doing so, raise their own ***Hell on Earth.*** This horrific graphic novel is adapted from a tale by Robert Bloch, renowned author of "Psycho." Bob Fleming's dialogue, Keith Giffen's penciling, and Greg Theakston's coloring and inking bring each speck of delicious terror to life! ***Plus:*** A *painted* cover by Bill Sienkiewicz.

Dec. Listings

August 6th/August 29th

MASK™ #1 *mini-series*—***Premiere issue of a four-parter!*** Off the TV screen and onto the printed page! The forces of Venom begin their plans for world domination by stealing the gold reserves of Fort Knox! "When Opportunity Knox" is written by Mike Fleisher, penciled by Mike Chen, inked by Joe Delbeato, with a cover by Chen and Delbeato.

Graphic Novel: Me and Joe Priest—Only one man can restore the dying human race, and he is a *priest!* Greg Potter, Ron Randall, and Howard Chaykin will shock you, thrill you, amuse you, and move you in this remarkable issue!

Crisis on Infinite Earths #9 *maxi-series*—The chaos continues as Brainiac and Luthor assemble the most fearsome villains on five Earths to battle the heroes for control of the Universe! In the landmark series by Marv Wolfman, George Perez, and Jerry Ordway.

Tales of the Teen Titans #60—Scripted by Marv Wolfman, with all art by George Perez. Lilith, the precognitive from the Titans' past, reveals what happened to Raven! Reprinting ***The New Teen Titans #1,*** *the beginning of the Trigon Saga.*

August 13th/September 5th

The Outsiders #2—By Mike W. Barr and Jim Aparo. Can the Outsiders save Los Angeles from The Nuclear Family's atomic holocaust? ***Plus:*** The *newest* Outsider, Looker, in solo action by M.W. Barr and Steve Lightle. *Deluxe format.*

DC Comics Presents #88 —Superman and The Creeper team up to stave off the end of the World! An enticing issue brought to you by Steve Englehart, Keith Giffen, and Karl Kesel.

Best of DC Digest #67—A fascinating array of stories starring ***The Legion of Super-Heroes!*** Creativity abounds when a galaxy of writers and artists deliver adventures from 1965 on, including the Legion's battle with "Starfinger." ***Plus:*** Lana Lang, "The Insect Queen of Smallville."

Justice League of America #245—Crisis tie-in! Imagine Steel unleashed! Imagine Steel in a new costume! Imagine Steel flung into the future to face death on a barren Earth! All in one issue? You bet! Script by Gerry Conway. Introducing ***JLA's*** *new,* regular penciller, Luke McDonnell. Inks by Mike Machlan, with a cover by McDonnell and Bill Wray.

Fury of Firestorm #42–Crisis tie-in! Firehawk and Wonder Girl search for Wonder Girl's husband. And Tomahawk and Dan Hunter appear! Written by Gerry Conway. Penciled by Rafael Kayanan, inked by Ian Akin and Brian Garvey. Cover by Kayanan and Dick Giordano.

Vigilante #24—A tragic, violent loss transforms a heartbroken mother into a self-proclaimed Vigilante! By Paul Kupperberg, penciled by Tod Smith, inked by Rick Magyar. Cover by Dan Day. *Deluxe format.*

Infinity, Inc. Annual #1—By the talented Roy Thomas, with sizzling art by Ron Harris, Todd McFarlane, and Tony DeZuniga/Alfredo Alcala/Dick Giordano/Rich Howell. Cover by McFarlane and Steve Montano. The secret of Jade and Obsidian's parentage revealed! ***Plus:*** Surprising guest characters. *Deluxe format.*

Hex #4—Michael Fleisher, Ron Wagner, and Carlos Garzon reveal the origin of Reinhold Borsten and the significance of the Soames standard! Cover by Texeira and Klaus Janson.

August 20th/September 12th

Batman #390—Batman must choose: Catwoman or Nocturna. If the Night-Slayer lets them live long enough. Story by Doug Moench, with art by Tom Mandrake.

Superman #414—Written by Cary Bates, penciled by Curt Swan, inked by Al Williamson. Cover by Eduardo Barreto. ***A Crisis ("Supergirl") cross-over story!***

Star Trek® #21—Spock must enter deathly, dangerous dreams to save a landing party in the clutches of an unknown world. By Bob Rozakis, pencils by Tom Sutton, inks by Ricardo Villagran. Cover by Sutton and Bill Wray.

Super Powers™ #4 *mini-series*—The seeds of doom launch Superman and Firestorm on a truly amazing adventure—in *ancient* Rome. Paul Kupperberg scripts. Art, inside and out, by Jack Kirby and Greg Theakston.

Omega Men #33—In this first "no ads" issue, Artin leads the Omegans to Refuge, their new homeland! By Todd Klein with art and *painted* cover by Shawn McManus. ***Vega back-up:*** "The Demon with the Healing Hand." Part 1 of 2 by Britishers Steve Parkhouse and Dave Gibbons. *Deluxe format.*

Amethyst #12—A different kind of fantasy awaits Amy in Hudson, New York. *Meanwhile,* the Emissaries of Varn guest-star as the Gemworld turns *stone cold!* Mindy Newell's script is illustrated by Colleen Doran and Karl Kesel. Cover by Ernie Colon and Kesel.

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Shadow of the Batman #1 *mini-series*—***Premiere issue!*** *First of five smashing issues!* In this *special reprint* from 1977, Steve Englehart reveals the origin of the deadly Dr. Phosphorus (even the Batman has no immunity against him!), and introduces us to Silver St. Cloud! Forty dazzling pages, and no ads! Illustrated by Walt Simonson and Al Milgrom. New wraparound cover by Marshall Rogers.

The Legion of Super-Heroes #17— "A New Beginning," *or* everything you always wanted to know about the Legion, but were afraid to ask! Someone's out to kill R.J. Brande, the founder of the Legion of Super-Heroes! ***Plus:*** Pin-ups of all the Legionnaires! Paul Levitz, writer. Pencils by Greg LaRocque, inks by Larry Mahlstedt. A *painted* cover by Bill Sienkiewicz! *Deluxe format.*

August 27th/September 19th

Swamp Thing #43—Two people accidentally get a dose of Swamp Thing's essence, taking them on a bizarre journey that leads them to their new destiny! By Alan Moore, illustrated by penciller Stan Woch and inker Ron Randall. With a cover by Stephen Bissette and John Totleben.

Batman and the Outsiders #28—Beginning the saga that will introduce Looker to the Outsiders. ***Plus:*** A *new look* for Halo! By the prolific Mike W. Barr and Alan Davis.

Green Lantern #195—Hal Jordan wants his GL job back, but has someone *new* already taken it? ***Crisis tie-in!*** Written by Steven Englehart, penciled by Joe Staton, inked by Bruce Patterson, with a cover by Staton and Patterson.

Sgt. Rock #406—The ***conclusion*** of "Angels with Black Wings." A story of bravery and anguish in the skies over war-torn Europe. Script by Bob Kanigher. Art by Adrian Gonzales and a cover by Joe Kubert.

Warlord #100—A 48-page anniversary celebration! But it's no party for Morgan! What a terrible price to pay for victory! By Michael Fleisher. Jam-packed with fantastic art by Adam Kubert. A *painted* cover by Mike Grell!

Blue Devil #19—Kid Devil, that mighty mite, hogs the stage, and The Trickster, Robin the Boy Wonder, and the villainous Captain Cold guest-star! ***Plus:*** The Blue Devil adrift in the Multiverse! Story by Dan Mishkin and Gary Cohn. Alan Kupperberg pencils; Rick Magyar inks. Cover by Paris Cullins and Gary Martin.

Who's Who: The Definitive Directory of the DC Universe #10 *maxi-series*—Hawkman *(both of them),* Hawkwoman, Hawk & Dove, Harbinger, and Hourman and Hourman *(Yep, there's two!)* are highlighted in this superb compendium written by Len Wein. Illustrations by a multitude of gifted artists. Cover by Paris Cullins and Dick Giordano!

Infinity, Inc. #21—Crisis tie-in! Script by Roy Thomas. Pencils by Todd McFarlane and inks by Steve Montano. Cover by Tony DeZuniga. The Infinitors battle the Anti-Monitor. ***And:*** Dr. Midnight and Hourman swing into action! *Deluxe format.*

The New Teen Titans #15—A shock awaits Princess Koriand'r at home and she finds her future happiness thwarted, as the "Marriage of Starfire" saga begins. ***Plus:*** Mento goes crazy, and what happened to Raven? ***Back-up:*** Tales of Tamaran, too! By Marv Wolfman, penciled by Eduardo Barreto, inked by Romeo Tanghal. Cover by Barreto.

September 3rd/September 26th

Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes #330—The death of a Legionnaire is avenged as the epic battle against the Legion of Super-Villains concludes *with an unexpected twist!* Written by Paul Levitz, designed by Keith Giffen, penciled by Steve Lightle, and inked by Larry Mahlstedt. Cover by Giffen and Mahlstedt.

All-Star Squadron #52—Crisis tie-in! Shazam, Liberty Belle, and Johnny Quick face a fighting-mad Captain Marvel! Roy Thomas writes; Arvell Jones and Al Dellinges pencil; Vince Colletta inks; with a cover by Jones and Tony DeZuniga.

Nathaniel Dusk II #3 *mini-series*—The plot, under Don McGregor's pen, thickens when Dusk is offered a very substantial bribe to "erase his memory." And startling new discoveries *really* up the stakes! Gene Colan's *pencils-only art* give us a 1934 Grand Central Station in all its splendor.

Detective #557—Catwoman and Nocturna on one side, Night-Slayer on the other, and Batman doesn't know who will *strike* first! Written by Doug Moench, pencils by Gene Colan, inks by Bob Smith, and a cover by Colan and Dick Giordano! ***Plus:*** Joey Cavalieri, Jerome Moore, and Bruce Patterson deliver another ***Green Arrow*** exclusive!

V™ #11—The Resistance returns to L.A. to discover a traitor lurks among them. The son of The Leader comes to Earth and becomes a pawn between *us* and *them.* By Cary Bates. Carmine Infantino pencils, Tony DeZuniga inks, under a cover by Jerry Bingham.

Action #574—Craig Boldman's enticing script, "May the Best World Win!" illustrated by Kurt Schaffenberger and Dave Hunt. ***Plus:*** A *second story* by guest-writers Bob Greenberger and Barbara Randall. Illustrated by Howard Bender and Dave Hunt.

World's Finest #322—Keith Giffen's art glistens throughout Dwight Zimmerman's script. Inked by Karl Kesel and a cover by Giffen and Kesel. Twin sisters pose *double trouble* for Superman and Batman!

DC Challenge #2—B'wana Beast (last seen in 1967) and Congorilla are threatened in San Diego; *and* on the other coast, Jonah Hex is mysteriously transported to 1985! (Imagine Hex behind the wheel during rush hour!) The creative team is Len Wein, Chuck Patton, and Mike DeCarlo. Cover by Patton and DeCarlo.

Graphic Novel: Hell on Earth—A tale of evil and irresistible temptation based on a story by "Psycho" author and terror specialist, Robert Bloch. Dialogued by Bob Fleming, penciled by Keith Giffen, and inked by Greg Theakston. *Painted* cover by Bill Sienkiewicz.

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